Lorry hire Charges

266. Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the lorry hire charges in Public Works Department has been raised with effect from 1st April 1968 ;

(*b*) whether the hire charges are ordered to be recovered with effect from 1st April 1968 while the Government Order is communicated during May or June, 1968 to the Departmental authorities ;

(*c*) whether the hire charges have been recovered fully from the contractors or any balance is left over in Tumkur District ;

(*d*) whether it is not for the Superintending Engineers to revise the current schedule rates as soon as the hire charges are increased ; if so, the action taken by the Superintending Engineers in this regard ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Not fully recovered.
(*d*) Need not necessarily be revised.

Kabini Project

278. Sri D. M. SIDDAIAH (Biligere).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Chief Minister visited the Kabini Project recently to inspect the progress of work done so far ;

(*b*) the progress of work done so far, the amount spent up to 31st December 1968, the total estimated cost of the project ;

(*c*) when the work of this project was started and the allotment every year towards the construction of the project up till now ;

(*d*) whether the Chief Minister while briefing the Press after the inspection of the project said that the work will go on as per schedule ; that is work worth of Rs. 60 lakhs per year as is being done during the year ;

(*e*) if so, the number of years it will take to complete the project ;

(*f*) whether according to the agreement of 1924 between the Governments of Mysore and Madras is it not necessary that the work should be completed by about 1974, if not, whether re-allocation of water as per the revised agreement would affect the interests of the State of Mysore ;